

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 22, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Commissioner, John Keshick III.

Roll Call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Vice-Chair/Secretary, Debra Browne; Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III; and Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon.

Commission Absent: 1 vacant position.

NRD Staff: Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis and Administrative Assistant, Fiona Banfield.

Public Comment: Opened at 6:08 p.m. and closed at 6:11 p.m. no public present to comment.

NRC reviewed the agenda.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to adopt the agenda with changes, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

NRC reviewed the Minutes of August 08, 2007.

Motion made by Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon to adopt the Minutes of August 08, 2007 into the record with corrections, Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III supports.

4Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Natural Resource Director's Report: Doug Craven, NRD Director

- We received a letter from the Parks and Recreation they have some complaints at Bells dock. They would like to know how we are going to address their concerns.

Executive Leader, Bea Law and Secretary, Jerry Chingwa arrives at 6:22 p.m.

- We received the COPS grant for \$137,000.00. The money will be used to purchase a new truck, uniforms for the officers and cameras for the trucks.
- There is a copy of the consent decree regulations in the packet. Commission should look them over and at the next meeting we will go through them.

- The comments that we sent to the USFWS regarding the migratory bird repository are in the packet.
- A final copy of the camping regulations in the packet. This will be sent to the executive office on Monday.
- We are going to apply for the USFWS tribal wildlife grant for the Maple River watershed.
- A U.S. Forest Service meeting is scheduled for September 12.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to accept the Natural Resource Directors verbal report as presented by Doug Craven, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Conservation Law Enforcement Report: LTBB Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis

- On August 18, 2007 Conservation Officer, Roger Willis held the international bow class. 7 people attended the class.
- Hunter's safety class will be held next week on August 28-30.
- Chief Conservation Officer was asked to help on the range at the Regional Conference in Lac Du Flambeau for the officer shoot competition.
- Conservation Officer, Roger Willis helped with the Jiiman race that was held on August 18, 2007 during the Festival on the Bay.

Vice-chair, William Denemy arrives at 6:52 p.m.

Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to accept the Conservation Law Enforcement verbal report as presented by Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis, Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Great Lakes Biologist Report: Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven.

- Great Lakes Biologist, Stephen Lenart provided a written report in regards to the Executive Council meeting being held on August 23, 2007.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to accept the Great Lakes Biologist written report as presented by Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Inland Biologist Report: Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven

- Inland Fisheries Biologist, Bill Parsons and Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr. were asked to give an eagle presentation at the MTEG meeting on Beaver Island.

- We finally contacted Bill Bowerman at Clemson about the eagle grant project. The grant ends in September

Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to accept the Inland Biologist Report as presented by Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven, Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried.

Earlier this week we had two Sault Ste Marie Tribal members contact us about fishing in our Big Bay De Noc zone. Paul Barbeaux sent us a letter of interest which included all of his information. The other request was from Joey Marsh through an email from a third party. There was not much information on his request. The commission decided that they would give Barbeaux the permit for ten nets. We are asking him to pay \$500.00 for the permit.

Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to approve the request from Paul Barbeaux to fish in our Big Bay de Noc zone for a \$500.00 fee, Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried.

Commission discussed the agenda for the annual hunting and fishing meeting. A final agenda will be emailed to all of the commissioners.

A proposal was handed out to all commissioners from Danny Berg to lease his property for the hunting season of 2008-2009. The proposal shows how many hunters would be allowed to hunt there on a daily basis and how many deer could be taken.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to go into executive session at 8:00 p.m., Associate Commission, Phil Harmon supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried.

Executive Leader, Bea Law leaves at 8:32 p.m.

Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to return to regular session at 8:40 p.m., Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

The wildlife biologist would like to have a separate Wycamp meeting on October 17, 2007 to discuss what we have done for assessments there so far and to see what the public would like us to work on for this area.

Public Comment: Opened at 8:59 p.m. and closed at 9:09 p.m. no public present to comment.

Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Next scheduled meeting September 26, 2007.

Approved:

Debra S. Browne, Vice-Chair/Secretary

Date